

**IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS EQUIPPED WITH SECURE PRINT
FUNCTION, METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME, AND STORAGE
MEDIUM**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image forming apparatus capable of flexibly
controlling whether or not to perform user
5 authentication when a user performs operations related
to functions of the apparatus. When a user instructs
the apparatus to perform any of operations related to a
secure print job which is a print job executed by using
a secure print function, when the apparatus is operated
10 in a function-based authentication mode, it is
determined whether or not a user-selected function of a
plurality of functions including at least a secure
printing function for printing data in response to an
input of a password requires user authentication. When
15 the secure printing function is specified as the user-
selected function and it is determined that the user-
selected function does not require user authentication,
the user is allowed to use the secure printing function,
even if the user is not authenticated.

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FIG. 8